

## **KARO-ECHO Membership Meeting**

January 9, 2023

Hybrid In Person and Zoom

### **Attendees**

In Person:

Howdy Goudey	KE6BEE
Frans Kuypers	KJ6IUV
Tom Fattarusio	KN6BUY
Hal Graboske	KK6NDF
Curt Smith	KM6HFT
Karen Leong Fenton	KK6ZPM
Jay Fenton	KJ6WSS
James Marks	KN6VTC

via Zoom:

Don Simon	NI6A
Jerry Michaels	K6KOP
Blake Yeaman	KN6CMP
Susan Yeaman	KN6CMR
Diane Richwine	KK6RED
David Swanson	KJ6AAT
Martha Richards	K6ELO
Michael Gold	AJ6RZ
David Naisuler	KN6BVF

### **Agenda:**

**Call to order/logistics**

- Introductions
- Approval of Minutes
- Approval of Agenda
- Treasurer's report

**New business**

- Report on Board composition
- New meeting format (less business, more program/training)
- Potential Winter Field Day <<https://www.winterfieldday.com/>>  
collaboration with EBARC

#### **Old business**

- Solicit more member survey responses  
<<https://forms.gle/MjpZi6LbRn45jwTt9>>
- MOU with EC-K Fire Dept. (No update yet)
- QSL card

#### **Outreach/PR/web**

#### **Tech./Infrastructure**

- New antenna/s and patch box/s
- Gear in hand for three installs
  - Canyon Trail Clubhouse
  - Castro Clubhouse
  - Kensington Community Center
- No update yet

#### **Elmering**

requests to [elmer@karoecho.net](mailto:elmer@karoecho.net)

#### **Neighborhood nets and Comm. hubs**

1st Wed., reports

#### **Training and Operations**

- HF/Winlink as a long distance welfare messaging tool from a disaster area without internet (radio to distant internet email)

#### **Adjourn**

Meeting called to order.

A motion was made, seconded, and carried to approve the December membership meeting minutes.

A motion was made, seconded, and carried to approve the agenda.

#### **Treasurer's report:**

- 17 members have paid dues for 2023.
- The P.O. box has been renewed for 6 months..
- The tax filing has been done.

### **Business session**

#### **Board member composition**

- The composition of the executive board for 2023 will remain the same as it was in 2022.

### **Winter Field Day**

- Dates are Saturday and Sunday, Jan. 28 and 29.
- EBARC will setup at the Kensington Unitarian Church and we can join them.
- Individual operators may work from their home or outside.

### **Technical/Infrastructure**

- We are still waiting to coordinate the installation of antennas and patchboxes at El Cerrito clubhouses with El Cerrito Public Works.

### **QSL card**

- We are planning on having about 100 club QSL cards printed in the next few weeks.
- Another option for adding QSO information to the back of the card to make a QSL card might be to use an Avery or similar sticker instead of putting the postcard through a laser printer.

### **Neighborhood nets**

- There was participation in impromptu nets by some operators after recent small earthquakes.

### **Training**

- Howdy KE6BEE made a presentation about sending a welfare message via email using winlink when the internet is not available.
  - Winlink connections could be made to a Radio Message Server (RMS) or a Common Message Server (CMS) that has a working internet link.
  - Winlink may be used on HF, VHF, or UHF and with several different modes such as packet, VARA, pactor, or others.
  - Winlink messages are not private - they may be received by anyone.
  - Winlink could be used by other agencies in addition to ham operators.
- Howdy and Frans KJ6IUV demonstrated sending formatted messages on HF and VHF using packet and VARA.

A motion was made, seconded, and carried to adjourn the meeting.